

PAWS/PTO Meeting Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
September 10, 2009
3:00 – 4:10
Horizon High School Media Center

Those in Attendance: Nancy Stuebe, Laurie Smith, Megan Miller, Sue Snedden, Molly Mudick, Nati Sanchez, Kelly Januzik, Nancy Berry, Cindy Bagheri, Francine Cheswick, Melissa Veit, Donna Dietrich

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Sue Snedden opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Nancy Stuebe requested approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Guest Speaker – YES for PV Schools

Laurie Smith, representative for YES! for PV Schools, presented information regarding the Maintenance and Operation Budget Override. K-3 passed last year, but 4 – 12 failed resulting in a loss of \$ 5,300,000 in funding for this year. If the override fails again this year, the district will lose another \$ 5,300,000 in funding for next year. Failure of overrides can result in the same losses for three years. If the override passes, it will cost the taxpayers \$12.00 per \$100,000 in property taxes. Due to last year's failure, our schools are experiencing larger class sizes, fee increases and loss of personnel. PAWS voted to endorse the YES! for PV students organization. Kelly Januzik requested soft copies of the YES! for PV Schools flyer, so she could put it on the PAWS/PTO website. PTO voted to support and endorse this organization. The website for this organization is; www.yesforpvstudents.com

IV. Principal Report

Dr. Courson was unable to attend the PTO meeting due to a meeting at the District Office. Sue Snedden met with Dr. Courson prior to the PTO meeting and shared their discussion. A Beautification Committee will be formed. Special projects include painting the columns in the quad. PAWS approved a grant to the Accents group to paint doors before Broadway Under the Stars opens. It's possible that the cafeteria may be painted also. Coffee with Administration will be held Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room. Topics covered will include a flu shot clinic, open enrollment, and updates from the various departments. The next BEST meeting will be held on September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in J101. PTO will need to help greet parents and answer questions.

V. Treasurers Report

a. 2009-10 Budget

b. Monthly Report

Sue Snedden reported that there would be no Family Night Fundraisers due to lack of participation. Many other groups at school offer these, and families are not going out to eat due to the poor economy. There is a need for monies to be budgeted for recognition within the school by sending cards and/or flowers. The 2009-10 Proposed Budget, which is attached, was approved. Francine Cheswick presented the 2009-10 Budget Report which is also attached.

VI. Volunteer Coordinator

Molly Mudick reported that over 150 hours of volunteer help was tallied in August in the bookstore and processing school i.d.'s. Subway volunteers have been scheduled for next week. A committee is being formed by Christy Miller to give tours of Horizon. This committee will meet to discuss what should be showcased.

VII. Directory

Cindy Bagheri reported that PTO exceeded their Horizon Directory goals in both family participation and advertising. Cindy requested help proofreading at her home on Monday, September 14th.

VIII. Prevention

Donna Dietrich reported that the first Prevention meeting was cancelled. The School Psychologist will be charge of the committee. The Teen Driving Agreement will be mailed to families of Sophomore students in October. Sue Snedden suggested we coordinate the mailer with the Stay Alive at 25 presentation at school. The next Prevention meeting is 9-22-09.

IX. Staff Appreciation

Nancy Berry reported that she will organize the same three events as last year. The parent/teacher conference breakfasts will be on October 20th and February 2nd in the Administrative Conference Room. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held sometime during the week of May 3rd.

X. Faculty and Staff Report

Melissa Veit reported that there was a great turn-out for Open House. She also mentioned that there is a need for toner, bulbs, and paper for the copy machines. Sue Snedden said that grant monies from PAWS were already in process for those needs. Sue encouraged everyone to participate in the e-script programs because they provide real "returns" for our schools. Sue suggested Melissa put e-script flyers in the staff's mailboxes so they can participate also.

XI. PAWS Report/President's Report

Sue Snedden reported that Farewell Fiesta had been changed to Horizon Grad. Night. Amy Foster and Kathy Jo McNamara are heading up this committee. The participation numbers are higher than in previous years at this time of the school year. Sunny Resch, Athletic Director, has organized a conference on coaching with a guest speaker. Parent representatives are welcome also.

Next Parent Forum: "Coffee with Administration" Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room

Next BEST Meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in J101

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the HHS Media Center

Minutes submitted by Nancy Stuebe, PTO Secretary. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.